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*Frequently asked questions about the **Roswell** Incident that are answered by the Air Force's recent report are presented.*

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WHAT ARE WE TO believe about the "Roswell Incident," the alleged crash in July 1947 of an extraterrestrial spacecraft near Roswell, New Mexico? The Air Force's recent report contends that "aliens" were humanlike dummies dropped during highaltitude balloon tests. True believers counter with photos of a "fragment" from an alien spacecraft. Below are answers to frequently asked questions. For more, check out POPULAR SCIENCE S Web site, [www.popsoci.com](http://www.popsoci.com).

Q: How could anyone mistake a dummy for an alien?

A: Firsthand witnesses saw the dummies at a distance. The physical appearance of the dummies and the type of vehicles used to recover them match the accounts of some witnesses.

Q: The dummy drops didn't begin until 1954, so how does that explain what witnesses saw in 1947?

A: The Air Force says debris from a secret experiment to eavesdrop on Soviet nuclear tests landed near Roswell ("UFO Mania in Roswell," June]. Somehow that 1947 event and others in the 1950s-including dummy drops and accidents involving humans-became "consolidated" in the minds of local observers, according to the Air Force.

Q: What about the nurse who saw alien autopsies at the Roswell base hospital?

A: Glenn Dennis, who worked at the Ballard Funeral Home in Roswell, has said that he was at the hospital on July 7, 1947. He saw Naomi Maria Selff, a nurse, run from a room with a cloth over her mouth. Selff told him that she had walked in on the autopsy of three mangled black little bodies; the odor was so horrible that

